GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:141
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2004
R D IN TEXTILES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Research and Development, the backbone of Textile Industry, is being smothered to death;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage Textile Research Associations, so that industry continues to be vibrant?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.141 REGARDING R&D IN TEXTILES FOR ANSWER ON 10.12.04

(a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(C) The Textile Research Associations (TRAs) are industry promoted private bodies, set up and promoted by the respective textile industry of the region for carrying out research and providing them various services including consultancy, testing, training and research etc. However, ever since their formation, Government has been providing them financial support for their sustenance and undertaking research projects. During the last five years' period, from 1999 to 2004, they have been provided a total of Rs. 8862 lacs towards sustenance. However, an effort is being made to encourage the TRAs to become financially independent by giving them complete autonomy in their research and development activities. In addition to this, they have been designated as a nodal agency by this Ministry for assessing technical viability of textile units for availing the benefit of restructuring their debt profile under the "Debt Restructuring Package for Organized Textile Mills".